

What is claimed is:

1 1. A computer implemented method for servicing client requests, comprising:
2 receiving multiple associated client requests;
3 in response to each of said associated client requests:
4 invoking an application;
5 determining, based upon said application, a session manager to
6 associate with said application; and
7 invoking said session manager to manage state information for said
8 application across said multiple associated client requests.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said session manager is invoked via a
2 programming interface.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said programming interface comprises a
2 definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a subclass of said
3 abstract class.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said session manager comprises an
2 implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein said session
3 manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation provided by said
4 session manager.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said associated client requests are
2 associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a session manager to
2 associate with said application comprises:
3 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session
4 manager to associate with said application.

1 7. An apparatus for servicing client requests, comprising:
2 a mechanism for receiving multiple associated client requests; and
3 a mechanism for responding to each of said associated client requests by:
4 invoking an application;
5 determining, based upon said application, a session manager to
6 associate with said application; and
7 invoking said session manager to manage state information for said
8 application across said multiple associated client requests.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said apparatus further comprises a
2 programming interface, and wherein said session manager is invoked via said
3 programming interface.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said programming interface comprises a
2 definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a subclass of said
3 abstract class.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said session manager comprises an
2 implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein said session

3 manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation provided by said
4 session manager.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said associated client requests are
2 associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein determining a session manager to
2 associate with said application comprises:
3 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session
4 manager to associate with said application.

1 13. A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to service
3 client requests, said computer readable medium comprising:
4 instructions for causing one or more processors to receive multiple associated
5 client requests; and
6 instructions for causing one or more processors to respond to each of said
7 associated client requests by:
8 invoking an application;
9 determining, based upon said application, a session manager to
10 associate with said application; and
11 invoking said session manager to manage state information for said
12 application across said multiple associated client requests.

1 14. The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said session manager
2 is invoked via a programming interface.

1 15. The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein said programming
2 interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said session manager is a
3 subclass of said abstract class.

1 16. The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said session manager
2 comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract class, and wherein
3 said session manager is invoked by invoking a particular method implementation
4 provided by said session manager.

1 17. The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said associated client
2 requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 18. The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein determining a
2 session manager to associate with said application comprises:
3 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which session
4 manager to associate with said application.